



THURSDAY, October 27, 2016

Meeting Time: 4:00 P.M.

AGENDA -revised

Call Meeting to Order & Introductions:

The Stanislaus County *Fish & Wildlife Committee (F&WC)* encourages public participation and welcomes the public's interest.

Members of the public may be heard on any item of the Fish and Wildlife Committee's agenda. A person addressing the Committee will be limited to five (5) minutes, unless the Chairperson of the Committee grants a longer period of time. The Committee will allow comments by members of the public on an agenda item only during consideration of the item.

Requests for Funds & Project Updates:

1. No fund request.

Correspondences:

1. [Notice of proposed regulatory action to amend Section 472, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, relating to Nongame Animals General Provisions, which will be published in the California Regulatory Notice Register on July 15, 2016.](#)
2. [Notice of Final Consideration to list Townsend's big-eared bat; Northern spotted owl as threatened or endangered, and Livermore tar plant as endangered under the California Endangered Species Act.](#)
3. [Notice of proposed regulatory action relative to Amending Section 670, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, relating to Falconry regulations, which are published in the California Regulatory Notice Register on September 9, 2016.](#)
4. [A 15-day continuation notice of the notice of proposed regulatory action to add Section 715 and amend Section 702, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, relating to Upland Game Bird Special Hunt Drawing and Application Fee, which was published in the California Regulatory Notice Register on July 15, 2016.](#)

Agenda Items:

1. Public Comment(s)
 2. Approval of July 28, 2016 Meeting Minutes
 3. Wildlife Management Report
 4. Fishery Report
 5. Wildlife Enforcement Report
 6. Wood Duck Report
 7. Approval to review, discuss and finalize changes on the Committee's Fund Procedures (Section 8)
 8. Approval of 2017 Meeting Calendar
 9. Appointment of new regular/alternate member
 10. Old Business
 11. Committee Comments
- FW Members
Cristen Langner, DFG
Steve Tsao, DFG
Phil McKay, DFG

Adjourn: Next meeting – Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

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STANISLAUS COUNTY FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMITTEE



PARKS AND RECREATION
 Jami Aggers, Director
 Merry Mayhew, Asst. Director
 Ed Ayers, Chair

3800 CORNUCOPIA WAY, SUITE C, MODESTO, CALIFORNIA 95358



MINUTES

JULY 28, 2016 AT 4:00 P.M.

3800 CORNUCOPIA WAY, 2ND FLOOR, CONFERENCE ROOM

(Agendas can be found online at <http://www.stancounty.com/parks/fish-wildlife-committee.shtm>)

COUNTY FISH & WILDLIFE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ed Ayers, D2
 Red Bartley, D1
 Jim Atherstone, D3
 Bob Bashaw, D5
 (*present by telephone conference)

STATE FISH & WILDLIFE REPRESENTATIVE:

Steve Tsao
 Phil Mckay

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Cathy Gomez

EXCUSED/ABSENT:

Jason Guignard, D1
 Ed Channing, ALT
 Dave Doubledee, ALT
 Cody Johnsen, ALT
 Don Vanwey, ALT
 Anthony Maxwell, D2
 Ken Meidl, D4

GUESTS PRESENT:

A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

Ed Ayers called the meeting to order and those in attendance introduced themselves.

B. REQUESTS FOR FUNDS/PROJECT UPDATES

1. The request for funds, from Stanislaus County Parks and Recreation, in the amount of \$7,125 for purchase of fish to restock Woodward and Modesto Reservoirs was approved upon motion and second for the full amount. Funds were approved with the conditions the reservoirs will have a sustainable level of water for the fish to survive, and a creel consensus survey is to be conducted from November 2016 through April 2017.

- The fish purchase will include largemouth bass, blue gill, crappie, and channel catfish. The plant will be scheduled for some time no later than December 1st.
- A question was raised whether the reservoirs were able to conduct a creel fish survey from the previous fund request. The Committee would like to have an idea of what type of fish and how many are being caught out at the reservoirs. Suggestions were made to have short surveys placed near a drop box for visitors to fill out on a voluntary basis. The placement of the survey near the drop box will help alleviate the park's litter concern. Near the box should

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Bashaw,
Atherstone,
unanimous approval

Cathy Gomez

Committee

include instructional and promotional signs to motivate completion of the survey. Placement of the survey/drop-box should be in a location convenient and easily visible and accessible upon a fisherman's exit. Although forms are placed near the drop box, staff should occasionally distribute these when they can to visitors. Fish cleaning stations would also be a good location for the survey box. The fish plant should occur in the winter time as well as when the survey can be done. November through April would be a good period for the survey. Another suggestion was made in using student volunteers to assist with the survey. Ms. Gomez will look into how the Department can implement the survey.

- *Knowing about warm water fish habitat in these reservoirs, coupled with the knowledge of abundance and age structure for the fish population within these reservoirs would go a long way toward increasing the probability of the good money being spent on a project that has a high probability of achieving success.*

2. The request for funds, from whom? ESRCD? If so spell it out, in the amount of \$931.91 was approved upon motion and second for *partial* funding in the amount not to exceed \$792 for purchase of t-shirts to be used for educational purposes. Although, the East Stanislaus Regional Conservation District was not present, Mr. Tsao stated that he had seen at previous festival events, these t-shirts be used as an activity that is likely a part of the festival's educational program.

California Fish and Wildlife

___Bashaw, Bartley, Ayer opposed

C. CORRESPONDENCE

ACTIONS

The Committee acknowledged the correspondences received, and suggested further action or comment be directed to the corresponding agency as listed on the agenda and correspondences.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

ACTIONS/REPORTER

No comment was received.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTIONS

Minutes for the April 28, 2016 meeting were approved upon motion and second as written.

___Atherstone, Bartley, unanimous approval

F. WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT REPORT

ACTIONS/REPORTER

No report.

G. FISHERY REPORT

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. The spring salmon out-migration census is still in progress. Statistics this season is showing the second lowest juvenile salmon catch since 2005. Counts were only at 202 this season through the Mossdale trawl. A Kodiak trawl net was used; approximately 20 feet by 5 feet frame, 120 feet long. The net caught various types of fish, i.e. striped bass, sunfish, silver side, no turtles this year, etc. Mossdale surveys occur in April, May and June. Despite the slight river flow improvement this year, State Fish and Wildlife continues to remedy areas high in hyacinth. Specific troubled areas of the Stanislaus and Tuolumne have recently been cleared of hyacinth.
2. Mr. Bartley mentioned a need for educational programs in schools to help educate the public on avoiding use of these invasive plants in local ponds and waters that could contaminate the rivers ecosystem, as they can quickly congest the river flows and cause irregular pH balance of the waters, in turn, affect fish health and today's low fish census.

Steve Tsao

Red Bartley

H. WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

REPORTER

Stanislaus County currently has one game warden. Fine monies and enforcement activities may be lower due to three less game wardens in the area. The Regional Office however will be bringing on, Jeff Moran, Merced County's Sheriff Deputy, who

Phil Mckay

will be transferring in as a new game warden to begin next month at the Turlock office.

I. WOOD DUCK REPORT

ACTIONS & REPORTER

Ed Ayers plans to contact California Waterfowl Association to see if they may be interested in the 75 wood duck boxes and metal poles that goes along with the boxes. Tuolumne River Trust may be able to use some boxes on the south side of the river near Dos Rios.

Ed Ayers

J. OLD BUSINESS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. Mr. Mckay mentioned that he met an off-highway vehicle group who may be interested in helping the Committee maintain the quail guzzlers out at Frank Raines in the cooler season. The Group has done work for Caswell State Park and Columbia State Park. The Committee agrees for Mr. Mckay to ask the group for their voluntary help with the guzzlers.
2. There are still questions on the fund account transactions. The committee asked for further clarification of expenditures at the next meeting.

Phil McKay

K. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Fish and Wildlife Committee will be held on:

*Atherstone, Bartley
unanimous approval*

Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.
Conference Room, 2nd Floor
3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto

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